

## STRENGTHENING TRANSPARENCY OR SILENCING SCIENCE? THE FUTURE OF SCIENCE IN EPA RULEMAKING

*Committee on Science, Space, and Technology:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Strengthening Transparency or Silencing Science? The Future of Science in EPA Rulemaking”. Testimony was heard from Jennifer Orme-Zavaleta, Principal Deputy Assistant Administrator for Science, Office of Research and Development, Environmental Protection Agency; and public witnesses.

## KEEPING OUR SIGHTS ON MARS PART 2: STRUCTURING A MOON-MARS PROGRAM FOR SUCCESS

*Committee on Science, Space, and Technology:* Subcommittee on Space and Aeronautics held a hearing entitled “Keeping Our Sights on Mars Part 2: Structuring a Moon-Mars Program for Success”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

## UPSKILLING THE MEDICAL WORKFORCE: OPPORTUNITIES IN HEALTH INNOVATION

*Committee on Small Business:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Upskilling the Medical Workforce: Opportunities in Health Innovation”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

## AMTRAK NOW AND INTO THE FUTURE

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Subcommittee on Railroads, Pipelines, and Hazardous Materials held a hearing entitled “Amtrak Now and Into the Future”. Testimony was heard from Nancy Nathanson, Representative, State Legislature, Oregon; Stacey Mortensen, Executive Director, San Joaquin Joint Powers Authority, Stockton, California; and public witnesses.

## REVIEW OF SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION CURRENT FACILITIES AND FUTURE SPACE NEEDS

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management held a hearing entitled “Review of Smithsonian Institution Current Facilities and Future Space Needs”. Testimony was heard from Lonnie G. Bunch III, Secretary, Smithsonian Institution.

## HIJACKING OUR HEROES: EXPLOITING VETERANS THROUGH DISINFORMATION ON SOCIAL MEDIA

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Hijacking our Heroes: Exploiting Veterans through Disinformation on Social Media”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

## IMPEACHMENT INQUIRY: AMBASSADOR WILLIAM B. TAYLOR AND MR. GEORGE KENT

*Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Impeachment Inquiry: Ambassador William B. Taylor and Mr. George Kent”. Testimony was heard from William B. Taylor, Chargé d’Affaires Ad Interim, Ukraine, Department of State; and George Kent, Deputy Assistant Secretary for European and Eurasian Affairs, Department of State.

## Joint Meetings

### THE ECONOMIC OUTLOOK

*Joint Economic Committee:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the economic outlook, after receiving testimony from Jerome H. Powell, Chair, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

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## COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2019

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

### Senate

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Dan R. Brouillette, of Texas, to be Secretary of Energy, 10:30 a.m., SD-366.

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Peter Gaynor, of Rhode Island, to be Administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, 9:30 a.m., SD-342.

*Committee on the Judiciary:* business meeting to consider the nominations of Patrick J. Bumatay, of California, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit, Lawrence VanDyke, of Nevada, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit, Philip M. Halpern, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York, Bernard Maurice Jones II, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Oklahoma, and Barbara Bailey Jongbloed, to be United States District Judge for the District of Connecticut, 10 a.m., SD-226.

*Committee on Rules and Administration:* to hold an oversight hearing to examine the Smithsonian Institution; to be immediately followed by a hearing to examine the nomination of Hugh Nathaniel Halpern, of Virginia, to be Director of the Government Publishing Office, 10 a.m., SR-301.

*Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship:* to hold hearings to examine noncompete agreements and American workers, 10 a.m., SR-428A.

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* to receive a closed briefing on certain intelligence matters, 2 p.m., SH-219.

## House

*Committee on Agriculture*, Subcommittee on Livestock and Foreign Agriculture, hearing entitled “Safeguarding American Agriculture from Wild, Invasive, and Non-Native Species”, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

*Committee on Appropriations*, Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies, hearing entitled “Office of Accountability and Whistleblower Protection’s Failures at VA”, 10 a.m., 2362–A Rayburn.

*Committee on the Budget*, Full Committee, hearing entitled “The Economic Outlook: The View from the Federal Reserve”, 10 a.m., 210 Cannon.

*Committee on Energy and Commerce*, Subcommittee on Consumer Protection and Commerce, markup on H.R. 3851, the “Travel Promotion, Enhancement, and Modernization Act of 2019”; and H.R. 4779, to extend the Undertaking Spam, Spyware, And Fraud Enforcement With Enforcers beyond Borders Act of 2006, and for other purposes, 9:30 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Communications and Technology, hearing entitled H.R. 4229, the “Broadband Deployment Accuracy and Technological Availability Act”; H.R. 4227, the “Mapping Accuracy Promotes Services Act”; H.R. 5000, the “Studying How to Harness Airwave Resources Efficiently Act of 2019”; H.R. 4998, the “Secure and Trusted Communications Networks Act”; H.R. 4461, the “Network Security Information Sharing Act of 2019”; H.R. 2881, the “Secure 5G and Beyond Act of 2019”; H.R. 4500, the “Promoting United States Wireless Leadership Act of 2019”; H. Res. 575, expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that all stakeholders in the deployment of 5G communications infrastructure should carefully consider and adhere to the recommendation of “The Prague Proposals”; and H.R. 5035, the “Television Viewer Protection Act”, 11:30 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

*Committee on Financial Services*, Full Committee, continue markup on H.R. 2445, the “Self-Employed Mortgage Act”; H.R. 3490, the “Small Business Lending Fairness Act”; H.R. 3948, the “Debt Collection Practices Harmonization Act”; H.R. 4403, the “Stop Debt Collection Abuse Act”; H.R. 5021, the “Ending Debt Collection Harassment Act of 2019”; H.R. 2398, to amend the United States Housing Act of 1937 and title 38, United States Code, to expand eligibility for the HUD–VASH program, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to submit annual reports to the Committees on Veterans’ Affairs of the Senate and House of Representatives regarding homeless veterans, and for other purposes; H.R. 5003, the “Fair Debt Collection Practices for Servicemembers Act”; H.R. 5001, the “Non-Judicial Foreclosure Debt Collection Clarification Act”; and H.R. 5013, the “Small Business Fair Debt Collection Protection Act”, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

*Committee on Foreign Affairs*, Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, Global Human Rights, and International Organizations, hearing entitled “The U.S. Policy in the Sahel Region”, 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

*Committee on the Judiciary*, Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security, hearing entitled “The Administration of Bail by State and Federal Courts: A Call for Reform”, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Courts, Intellectual Property, and the Internet, hearing entitled “Examining the Use of “Snap” Removals to Circumvent the Forum Defendant Rule”, 2 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

*Committee on Natural Resources*, Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources, hearing on H.R. 4248, the “Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act Amendments of 2019”, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Water, Oceans, and Wildlife, hearing entitled “Oversight of NOAA’s Report on Illegal, Unreported, and Unregulated Fishing”, 2 p.m., 1324 Longworth.

*Committee on Oversight and Reform*, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Examining State Efforts to Undermine Access to Reproductive Health Care”, 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

*Committee on Science, Space, and Technology*, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 4979, the “Rural STEM Education Act”; H.R. 4704, the “Advancing Research to Prevent Suicide Act”; and H.R. 4990, the “Election Technology Research Act”, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Energy, hearing entitled “Water and Geothermal Power: Unearthing the Next Wave of Energy Innovation”, 2 p.m., 2318 Rayburn.

*Committee on Small Business*, Subcommittee on Rural Development, Agriculture, Trade, and Entrepreneurship, hearing entitled “Assessing the Government’s Role in Serving Rural American Small Businesses (Part One)”, 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Full Committee, hearing entitled “A Fair Playing Field? Investigating Big Tech’s Impact on Small Business”, 1 p.m., 2360 Rayburn.

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure*, Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation, hearing entitled “Commercial and Passenger Vessel Safety: Challenges and Opportunities”, 2 p.m., 2167 Rayburn.

*Committee on Veterans’ Affairs*, Subcommittee on Technology Modernization, hearing entitled “Cybersecurity Challenges and Cyber Risk Management at the Department of Veterans Affairs”, 10 a.m., HVC–210.

*Committee on Ways and Means*, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Caring for Aging Americans”, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

*Select Committee on the Climate Crisis*, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Member Day”, 1:30 p.m., 1300 Longworth.